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Concerning
The K I N G, the K I R K E, the
P R E S B Y T E R I A N Government,
And the
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FROM
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Matters agitated by the Generall As-
sembly, and the Committee of *Estates*
at EDINBURGH.

TH E Kingdome of Scotland, having humbled themselves by a late Solemne Fast, wherein they have intreated the Lord concerning the King, Kingdomes, and the Kirke, and prayed the Lord to remove the eminent danger they are in by the Sword, Pestilence, and Famine. They doe now lay out themselves to act according to the custome of the Kingdome, every one in his severall sphere therein.

In which Kingdom the delinquents are carried on, 1. By the generall Assembly of the Kirk. 2. By the Estates of Scotland. 3. By the Army, in all which as followeth.

1 The generall Assembly of the Kirkes of Scotland met in *Edinburge* accordingly as they were called the 5. of *August* 1647. To settle the great and weighty affaires of the Kirke, which through the late Warrs are much out of order, there remaining still an *Episcopall* party in the Kingdome, who have too great an influence, even on no small persons, whereby the worke will be the more difficult.

As for the Clergy who conformes to the Kirk and State they have beene very laborious in their Pulpits of late to promote the unity of the Kingdome to the power established.

The Parochiall Sessions have had much interruption in their transactions with the people, by reason of Delinquents returning, and admittance, in hopes that they would have conformed.

The Classicall and Proviniall Synods have beene much burdened with businesse, whereby

by partyes have broken out into many factions, especially about the North-west of Scotland, where they have not yet had time to be settled since our late troubles.

The generall Assembly being set, divers Papers were presented in the behalfe of the Kirk of Scotland, and concerning the late transactions upon the intended Declaration.

In order to which (after all customes and orders were observed, the Oaths, Covenants, and Protestations being taken for the right ordering of their setting down) they thought first to appoint severall Committees for their severall proceedings to be committed to, concerning severall matters to bee transacted, And a grand Committee for this businesse.

The main things propounded to be agitated herein are these.

I.

Concerning the totall reducing of the whole Clergie in the Kingdome of Scotland, to submit to the power in them established by the King and Parliament.

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II.
Concerning explanations of some things related to those come in by compositions.

III.
Concerning divers Lords, Barons, and Gentlemen, who have passed the Schoole of Repentance.

IV.
Concerning the present Estate of the Kings Majesty, in relation to the Queen, to the Royall issues, to the Army, and to themselves.

V.
Concerning the severall Covenants of the Kirk of Scotland, and the Covenant of both Kingdomes.

VI.
Concerning removing of the difference particularly of Ministers amongst themselves.

VII.
Concerning the rooting out of Heresies
and

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and Errors out of the Kirk.

VIII.

*For representing some particulars to
the Kingdome of England.*

IX.

*Concerning the conferring of the Treas-
ties and Covenant.*

X.

*For the settling of a firme Peace in the
Kirk and Kingdome.*

The Assembly have chosen, and are settling of Committees the better to prepare and facillitate the businesse they are about, by reason whereof time hath been so taken up, that no maine businesse could as yet be finished.

2 The grand Committee of Estates are met also at *Edinburge* and sate downe, but they met not so frequent as was expected, so that they have (as yet) done little.

3 The Army are now upon Treaty with the *Gradons*, for their compositions upon their coming in, and large offers are made to them if they will submit.

David

David Lesley hath also sent to the Lord
Ares to Stranaverne concerning severall par-
ticulars expressed in a message to his Lord-
ship.

the Kingdome of England.

To know whither he will yeeld obedience to the
Parliament of Scotland with his Forces and
Strength.

II.

That if he will submit to the State, to manifest
the same by Declaration.

III.

If hee refuseth to come in, and submit, He will
march with his whole Army to reduce that shire
to the obedience of the State.

III.

That he send a speedy Answer.

Edinburg the
10th. of Aug.
1647.

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